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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Programme of work

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia

3 p.m.[1] . . . . . 22nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

Security Council

The Presidency of the Security Council for the month of December 2003 (Bulgaria), will hold a briefing to the Press on the programme of work for the month of December, *today*, 2 December 2003, following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 66th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. 67th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [38]

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)

2. The situation in the Middle East [37]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/278 and A/58/416)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28)

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–3.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 3

Informal consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Chairman of the Second Committee, on the organization of work of the Second Committee

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/58/269, A/58/366, A/58/367, A/58/368, A/58/550, A/58/597, A/58/554 and A/58/605)); and 132 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/58/226, A/58/368, A/58/288, A/58/593, A/58/449 and A/58/605))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of a draft resolution)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on "From the Optical Disk System to the Official Documents System (ODS): states of implementation and evaluation"
2. Programme budget implications: Oceans and law of the sea

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Intercountry programmes (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.29) [5]

   Conclusion of discussion

2. Biennial support budget 2004-2005 (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.14) [4]

   Consideration of draft decision E/ICEF/2003/CRP.21

   Other matters. [6]

   Closure of session [7]

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 47 (Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26 entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005" (agenda item 94 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34 entitled "Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries" (agenda item 102) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belgium)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.8 entitled "International Decade for Action 'Water for Life', 2005-2015" (agenda 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963 D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

1–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

1–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.3 entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa", and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

1.30–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30 entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (agenda item 94 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

2.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development", and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38 entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 91 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 2 December 2003

Group of 77 *(trade and development; and globalization)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(financing for development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 2 December 2003

Room S-226

12.30 p.m. H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte (Saint Lucia), President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly (to announce the recipients of the United Nations Prize in the field of human rights)

1.15 p.m. H.E. Mr. Stefan Tafrov (Bulgaria), President of the Security Council for December (on the programme of work for the month)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 4 December 2003 at 10 a.m., and its final plenary meetings on Friday, 5 December 2003, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 24th meeting on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, *at 10 a.m.* in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group), will be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 3 and 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and Friday, 5 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), on the following dates: Thursday, 4 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and Friday, 5 December, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)

There will be an informal briefing by Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Director-General for Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III). The briefing, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

Security Council — **Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Friday, 28 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

59th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.28

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts informed the Committee that the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/58/L.84 also applied to the oral revisions made to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia and Gabon.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 106 to 21, with 29 abstentions.

Statements before the vote were made by the representatives of Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Nigeria, the United Kingdom (also on behalf of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden), the United States, Japan, Uganda, Canada, Mexico and Switzerland.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of Norway, Venezuela, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Slovenia and Gabon.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.83)

The representative of Benin made a statement, in the course of which she orally corrected draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1 and announced that Algeria, Cape Verde, Malawi and Swaziland had withdrawn as sponsors, and that Haiti and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Bangladesh also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of New Zealand made a statement and orally revised amendment 6 in document A/C.3/58/L.83, on behalf of the sponsors.

The representative of Lesotho withdrew as a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1.

At the request of the representative of Benin, the Committee voted on the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.83.

Statements before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Benin (who also announced that Myanmar had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1), Chile, Switzerland, Guatemala, Fiji, El Salvador, Sierra Leone, Nepal, Egypt, the Sudan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee accepted amendment 1 for incorporation into the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 72 to 54, with 25 abstentions.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

The Committee then accepted amendments 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (as revised) for incorporation into the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 77 to 48, with 26 abstentions.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lebanon, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Guinea-Bissau and Rwanda.

The representative of Guinea subsequently stated that his delegation would have voted against the amendments.

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, China, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Gabon, Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Myanmar, the Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Senegal, Sierra Leone and the United States of America withdrew as sponsors of the draft resolution, as amended.

A procedural discussion followed in which statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Egypt, Pakistan, El Salvador, Sierra Leone, Guinea-Bissau, Benin, Fiji, Myanmar, Italy, Malaysia, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago and Mexico.

The representative of Egypt moved that no action be taken on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1, as amended.

Procedural points were raised by the representatives of Benin, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, New Zealand and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Following a ruling by the Chairman, the Committee voted on the motion to take no action on the draft resolution, as amended. The motion was carried, by a recorded vote of 66 to 63, with 13 abstentions.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of Benin, Fiji, Sierra Leone, Nepal and the Sudan.

Comprehensive Implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [115 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.34

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The representative of Morocco further orally revised the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Mexico had joined as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy made a statement

The representative of the United States made a statement

Subsequently, operative paragraph 31 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 105 to 40, with 8 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 155 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanations of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/58/18 and A/58/324.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 115 as a whole.

60th meeting *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*. . . . . [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy made a statement, on behalf of the sponsors and announced that Andorra, Armenia, Canada, Eritrea, Liechtenstein, Namibia, Norway, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, and that Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and Guyana had withdrawn as sponsors.

Albania, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Kazakhstan, Japan, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Switzerland, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Singapore requested a vote on operative paragraph 26 (b) and on the words "corporal punishment" in operative paragraph 41 (c) of the draft resolution.

Statements before the vote on operative paragraph 26 (b) were made by the representatives of Barbados, Guyana and Nigeria.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 26 (b), by a recorded vote of 117 to 10, with 23 abstentions.

The representative of Sierra Leone made a statement after the vote.

The representative of Brazil stated that his vote on operative paragraph 26 (b) had registered as an abstention instead of in favour.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the words "corporal punishment" in operative paragraph 41 (c) of the draft resolution. The words were retained, by a recorded vote of 123 to 6, with 24 abstentions.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea and Pakistan.

The representative of Suriname stated that she had intended to vote in favour on both paragraphs.

The Committee then engaged in a procedural discussion, in which statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Egypt, the Sudan, Liechtenstein, Costa Rica, the Niger, the United States (who also announced that her delegation had requested a vote on the draft resolution as a whole), Italy, Pakistan and Trinidad and Tobago.

Statements before the vote on the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and its acceding countries), the Gambia, Malaysia and Nigeria.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 159 to one.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of Singapore, the United States, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Niger, Trinidad and Tobago, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Australia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Uruguay, the Gambia, Poland, Brazil, Malaysia, Liechtenstein and Saudi Arabia.

The Chairman responded to points raised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.71

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme implications.

The representative of Mexico made a statement, in the course of which she revised the draft resolution and announced that El Salvador, Japan, the Sudan and Timor-Leste had joined as sponsors, and that Spain had withdrawn as a sponsor.

Albania, Bolivia and Ethiopia also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as revised.

At the request of the representative of India, the Committee voted on operative paragraphs 10 and 11 of the draft resolution (as revised). The paragraphs were adopted, by a recorded vote of 136 to 1, with 15 abstentions.

Statements before the vote were made by the representatives of the Niger, Mexico, India and Spain.

A procedural discussion ensued, in which the representatives of Switzerland, Belgium, Mexico, Egypt, Guinea, the Czech Republic, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Chile and Sierra Leone made statements.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, by a recorded vote of 157 to none, with 1 abstention.

Before the vote on the draft resolution, the representative of Egypt made a statement.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Pakistan, Liechtenstein and Colombia.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic stated that her vote on the motion by Egypt, at the 59th meeting of the Committee, should have been recorded as being in favour of the motion, instead of against.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

Monday, 1 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

65th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine . . . . . [38]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)

H.E. Mr. Papa Louis Fall, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1.

H.E. Mr. Víctor Camilleri, Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of the Committee (A/58/35).

H.E. Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, Head of the observer delegation of Palestine, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Bangladesh, India, Egypt and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Programme of work

The President informed members that document A/INF/58/4/Rev.2 containing a revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the main part of the fifty-eighth session had been issued that morning. He also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for the items listed in document A/INF/58/4/Rev.2 were open.

Main Committees

Third Committee

61st meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [117 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.75

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, New Zealand and Slovakia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Cambodia, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

Oral decision by the Chairman

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of documents A/58/121, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/279 and A/58/380.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [117 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to programme budget implications on the draft resolution, which were contained in document A/C.3/58/L.82.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement.

The Secretary read out amendments to the revised draft resolution.

Iceland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Statements after the adoption of the draft resolution were made by the representatives of China, India, Thailand, Viet Nam, Nepal and Cuba.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy informed the Committee that Australia, Canada, Japan, Liechtenstein and Romania should be added to the list of co-sponsors.

Andorra and Switzerland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Uganda requested a separate vote on preambular paragraph 4 of the draft resolution.

Preambular paragraph 4 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 82 to 4, with 75 abstentions.

The representative of Egypt (also on behalf of China, Dominica, Kuwait, Malaysia, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Swaziland, the Sudan, Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates) requested a separate vote on operative paragraphs 3 (b) and 6 (e) of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Italy and Egypt made statements.

Operative paragraphs 3 (b) and 6 (e) were adopted, by a recorded vote of 73 to 50, with 35 abstentions.

Statements before the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Singapore, Lebanon, Qatar and Italy.

The representative of the United States orally proposed amendments to operative paragraph 6 (g).

Amendments to paragraph 6 (g) were rejected, by a recorded vote of 2 to 93, with 55 abstentions.

Statements regarding a ruling by the Chairman were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Chile, Brazil, Italy, Switzerland, the Sudan, Egypt and Guatemala.

The Chairman made his ruling on the application of rule 129.

The representative of Liechtenstein appealed against the ruling by the Chairman.

The appeal was put to the vote and the ruling of the Chairman was upheld.

The voting was as follows: in favour of the appeal, 70; against the appeal, 82; with no abstentions.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 74 to 3, with 85 abstentions.

Statements before the vote were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Uganda.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States, Myanmar and Belarus.

Statements on procedure were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Australia, the Gambia, Switzerland, Nigeria, Mali, Egypt, the Niger, Italy, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Lesotho, Senegal, Chile, Iceland, Benin, the United States, the Sudan, Norway, Brazil, Pakistan, San Marino, Andorra, the Syrian Arab Republic, Rwanda, Jordan, Fiji and Saudi Arabia.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement.

62nd meeting

Human rights questions: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [117 (c)]

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/58/218, A/58/334, A/58/338, A/58/379, A/58/421 and A/58/448.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 117 (c).

Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights . . . . . [117 (e)]

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/58/36.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Oral decision by the Chairman

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/58/329.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1

Statements regarding action taken on the draft resolution at the 59th meeting of the Committee were made by the representatives of Benin and Nepal.

The Chairman responded to points raised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Document A/C.3/58/L.80

The Secretary of the Committee introduced and orally revised the document, which was then adopted.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Ethiopia, Italy and Malaysia.

Oral draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/58/3 (Parts I and II), in particular chapters I, III, V, VII (sections B, C and I) and chapter IX, which were allotted to the Third Committee.

The representatives of El Salvador and New Zealand made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the Third Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman declared the work of the Third Committee for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly concluded.

Fifth Committee

23rd meeting

Strengthening of the United Nations system . . . . . [59]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Note by the Secretary-General on improvements to current process of planning and budgeting

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/600).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/610).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Venezuela, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, Egypt and Jordan.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Report of the Secretary-General on measures pertaining to the administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/569 and A/58/7/Add.12)

The Committee resumed its general discussion on this question.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada).

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social and Human Rights Service, Office of the Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

276th meeting

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of Malaysia read a message from the Prime Minister of Malaysia, in his capacity as Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran read a message from the Iranian Foreign Minister, in his capacity as Chairman of the Thirtieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

The representative of Mozambique read a message from the President of Mozambique, in his capacity as Chairman of the African Union.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine Affairs of the League of Arab States read a message from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Ms. Phyllis Bennis made a statement, on behalf of the International Coordinating Network on Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Cambodia, China, Grenada, India, Malta and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Argentina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Japan, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

A message was received from the Government of Guyana.

Messages were received from the Chairman of the Commission of the African Union, the European Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from the Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, a non-governmental organization.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Objection to the declaration made by Turkey upon ratification: Cyprus (26 November 2003)[1]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Objection to the declarations made by Turkey upon ratification: Cyprus (26 November 2003)[1]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Ratification: Burkina Faso (26 November 2003)[1]

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Burkina Faso (26 November 2003)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Burkina Faso (26 November 2003)[1]

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Burkina Faso (26 November 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 21 December 2001

Accession: Burkina Faso (26 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Palestine: Reflections of Resilience and Hope" will be displayed until Monday, 15 December 2003, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of film

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film "Crossing Kalandia," which can be viewed at the exhibit area as of *today*, 2 December, until Monday, 15 December 2003, during exhibit hours.

Women's International Forum

The topic of the next meeting of the Women's International Forum, to be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, will be "The Current Situation in Afghanistan".

Launch of the report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*

The report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*, will be launched by the Mine Action Service, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11.15 a.m. at the Henry Labouisse Hall, located on the B-1 level of UNICEF House. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Event on the occasion of the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December 2003)

In observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, there will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Disabled Peoples' International, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The opening of an exhibit of art by persons with disabilities will follow in the Visitors' Lobby. For more information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Focus on Children: The Impact of Rights-Based Strategies." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Event on the occasion of the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

On the occasion of the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, there will be a High-level Seminar on the Family, organized by the IYF+10 Committee, in collaboration with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Permanent Mission of the United States, on Thursday, 4 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
South Africa
H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi

Eastern European States:
Republic of Modova
H.E. Mr. Vsevolod Grigore

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominica
H.E. Mr. Crispin Gregoire

Western European and other States:
France
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc de La Sablière

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www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/
www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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Italian presidency of the European Union:
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Department of Economic and Social Affairs:
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A/58/PV.49	Meeting held on 30 October 2003, 6 p.m. [E]
A/58/PV.52	Meeting held on 3 November 2003, 10.30 a.m. [E]
A/58/PV.53	Meeting held on 3 November 2003, 3 p.m. [E]
A/58/PV.55	Meeting held on 4 November 2003, 3 p.m. [E]
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A/58/612	Item 10 — Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization — Letter dated 3 November 2003 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.7/Rev.1	Item 60 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — 15-Power revised draft resolution — Responding to global threats and challenges [A C E F R S]
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10.30 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Somalia

Other matters

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10.30 a.m. . . . . . 68th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

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6. Question of Palestine: draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1) . . . . . [38]

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 3

Strengthening of the United Nations system [59]

Note by the Secretary-General on improvements to current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/600 and A/58/610)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 120, 121 and 161 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003; Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005; and Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (A/58/370, A/58/535, A/C.5/58/12, A/58/538 and A/58/598)); 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: second performance report (A/58/558, A/58/558/Add.1, A/58/558/Add.1/Corr.1 and A/58/604)); and 126 (United Nations common system (A/58/30, A/58/378 and A/58/7/Add.2))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives, authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30 entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (agenda item 94 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

10 a.m.–12 noon. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26 entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005" (agenda item 94 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34 entitled "Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries" (agenda item 102) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belgium)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International trade and development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

12 noon–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1.30–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.42 entitled "World Summit on the Information Society" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the permanent Mission of Cameroon)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity"(agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Other meetings

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Group of 77 *(programme of work)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(financing for development)*

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(Second Committee issues)*

1.30–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(cybersecurity; climate change; and environmental issues)*

5.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

9.30–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Central American Group (Central American Integration System)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards Global Partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

Guest at noon . . . . . Mr. Martin Barber, Director of the Mine Action Service, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (on the report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 47 (Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 4 December 2003 at 10 a.m., and its final plenary meetings on Friday, 5 December 2003, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 25th meeting on Thursday, 4 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also take place at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Open-ended informal consultations on the revised draft resolution entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002" (agenda item 42) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the revised draft resolution entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002" (agenda item 42), organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt, on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), on the following dates: Thursday, 4 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and Friday, 5 December, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on the Friday, 5 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)

There will be an informal briefing by Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Director-General for Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III). The briefing, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*"

There will be a briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*", organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Singapore, on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Ms. Katariina Prepula, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0244).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from *today*, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 2 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

66th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine . . . . . [38]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Indonesia, Israel, Zambia, Madagascar, the United States, Cuba and the Sudan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/58/L.23 to A/58/L.26/Rev.1, would take place on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, in the morning.

The situation in the Middle East [37]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/278 and A/58/416)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28)

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway and Bahrain.

The representative of Egypt made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Switzerland and Israel.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

67th plenary meeting *The situation in the Middle East* [37]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/278 and A/58/416)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 37.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Australia, the Russian Federation, Kuwait, Turkey, Jordan, Cuba, Japan, Nigeria, Pakistan, China, India, Ukraine, the Sudan and Malaysia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Israel.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28 would be taken after the Assembly took action on draft resolutions A/58/L.23 to A/58/L.26/Rev.1, under agenda item 38.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Belize (1 December 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Belize (1 December 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Belize (1 December 2003)[1]

Ratification: Croatia (1 December 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Accession: Belize (1 December 2003)[1]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Kazakhstan (2 December 2003)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Kazakhstan (2 December 2003)

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

The topic of the next meeting of the Women's International Forum, to be held *today*, 3 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, will be "The Current Situation in Afghanistan".

Launch of the report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*

The report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*, will be launched by the Mine Action Service, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, *today*, 3 December 2003, at 11.15 a.m. at the Henry Labouisse Hall, located on the B-1 level of UNICEF House. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Event on the occasion of the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December 2003)

In observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, there will be a Seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Disabled Peoples' International, Rehabilitation International and VSA Arts, *today*, 3 December 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The opening of an exhibit of art by persons with disabilities will follow in the Visitors' Lobby. For more information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Focus on Children: The Impact of Rights–Based Strategies". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Event on the occasion of the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

On the occasion of the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will open an exhibit on the family, on Thursday, 4 December 2003, at 2.30 p.m. in the First Basement area of the General Assembly building, near the Vienna Cafe. A High-level Seminar on the Family, organized by the IYF+10 Committee, in collaboration with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Permanent Mission of the United States, will also take place at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Web sites

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/58/PV.26	Meeting held on 7 October 2003, 3 p.m. [F]
A/58/PV.28	Meeting held on 13 October 2003, 10 a.m. [F]
A/58/PV.29	Meeting held on 13 October 2003, 3 p.m. [A]
A/58/PV.30	Meeting held on 14 October 2003, 10 a.m. [A]
A/58/PV.37	Meeting held on 20 October 2003, 10 a.m. [C]
A/58/PV.47	Meeting held on 29 October 2003, 10 a.m. [C]
A/58/PV.51	Meeting held on 31 October 2003, 3 p.m. [E]

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A/58/461	Item 72 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/538*	Reissued for technical reasons [F (only)]
A/58/568	Item 49 — Information and communication technologies for development — Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.7/Rev.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [A (only)]
A/58/L.31	Item 40 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — 26-Power draft resolution — Special assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]
A/INF/58/4/Rev.2*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/58/PV.3	Meeting held on 7 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/58/21	Items 121 and 122 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Programme planning — Letter dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2003/1072*	Reissued for technical reasons [E (only)]
S/2003/1099*	Reissued for technical reasons [F (only)]
S/2003/1112	Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1136	Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1138	Lettre datée du 14 novembre 2003, adressée au Président du Conseil de sécurité par le Secrétaire général [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1139	Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Eliminations of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Thirtieth session

CEDAW/C/2004/I/1	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/Ben/1-3	Consideration of reports submitted by States Parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined initial, second and third periodic reports of States parties — Benin [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/GUY/3-6	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined third, fourth, fifth and sixth reports of States parties — Guyana [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/LAO/1-5	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports of States parties — Lao People's Democratic Republic [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/ADM/SER.B/460	Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) from 1 January 1995 to 15 December 2003 [E F S (only)]
ST/ADM/SER.B/474	Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Military Liaison Team in Cambodia from 15 November 1993 to 15 May 1994 (credits from unencumbered balance and accrued interest and miscellaneous income) [E F S (only)]

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Security Council

10.30 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Liberia	
	Other matters	
Morning[1]	4875th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire	
3.30 p.m.	4876th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in Burundi	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3.30 p.m.	82nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Members States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520, or call Mr. David Biggs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5598), as from *today*, 4 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations held by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee on all outstanding draft resolutions

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Capital master plan (A/58/599, A/58/342, A/58/321 and A/58/7/Add.15)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Joint Inspection Unit [129]

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods (A/58/343/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 59 (Strengthening of the United Nations system (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1, A/58/7/Add.5, A/58/375, A/57/786, A/58/600 and A/58/610)); 120 and 121 (Programme budget for the budget for the biennium 2002-2003 and Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/58/214, A/58/214/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.9)); 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/57/35)); 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on: review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/58/211)); 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa (A/58/154 and A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1); and Strengthening the United Nations web site (A/58/217, A/58/7/Add.1)); 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/58/530 and A/58/7/Add.6)); and 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (A/58/559))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Consideration of a draft resolution)	

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 47 (Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations	

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity"(agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

10–11.30 a.m.	Closed meeting	Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International Trade and Development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Iran)

12 noon–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.42 entitled "World Summit on the Information Society" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

1–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Czech Republic)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the permanent Mission of Cameroon)

1.15–3 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Other meetings

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Thursday, 4 December 2003

Group of 77 *(globalization; and water)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(financing for development)*

10–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(on Second Committee issues)*

1.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

United Nations System Staff College: Board of Governors *(fourth session)*

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the revised draft resolution entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002" (agenda item 42) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Arab Group *(on Fifth Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption *today*, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Thursday, 4 December 2003

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel (on the signing conference for the Convention against Corruption, to take place from 9 to 11 of December 2003 in Mexico)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 5 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 69th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [28 and 40 (f)]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/616)[1]
   (b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.32)
2. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [35]
3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [40]
   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/58/L.34)
   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/58/L.22, A/58/L.35)
   (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/58/L.33)

[1] To be issued.

Second Committee The Second Committee will hold its final plenary meetings on Friday, 5 December 2003, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold nformal consultations (closed) on Friday, 5 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), on Friday, 5 December 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on the Friday, 5 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)

There will be an informal briefing by Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Director-General for Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III). The briefing, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*"

There will be a briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*", organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Singapore, on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Ms. Katariina Prepula, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0244).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 3 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

68th plenary meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]: report of the Third Committee (A/58/497)

The Rapporteur of the Third Committee introduced the report of the Committee on agenda item 106.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the report of the Third Committee which was before the Assembly.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/58/497) (resolution 58/15).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 106.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/58/L.7/Rev.1) [60]

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.7/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.7/Rev.1 (resolution 58/16).

The representative of Spain made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 60.

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: draft resolution (A/58/L.20) . . . . . [43]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.20 (resolution 58/17).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 43.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations . . . . . [24]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 24.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/107/Rev.1) . . . . . [17 (g)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of Argentina, Germany, Mexico, Nigeria, Romania, Senegal and the Syrian Arab Republic as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 17.

Question of Palestine: draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1) . . . . . [38]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 38.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/ Rev.1.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/58/L.23 (resolution 58/18)	97	7	60
Draft resolution A/58/L.24 (resolution 58/19)	98	6	63
Draft resolution A/58/L.25 (resolution 58/20)	159	6	6
Draft resolution A/58/L.26/Rev.1 (resolution 58/21)	160	6	5

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the United Kingdom.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 38.

The situation in the Middle East: draft resolutions (A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28) [37]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 37.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/58/L.27 (resolution 58/22)	155	8	7
Draft resolution A/58/L.28 (resolution 58/23)	104	5	61

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the United States.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

24th meeting

Strengthening of the United Nations system [59]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

Note by the Secretary-General on improvements to current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/600 and A/58/610)

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Austria, Sweden, Norway, the United Kingdom, Finland, Germany, Brazil, Spain, France, Greece, the Czech Republic, Colombia, Venezuela, Luxembourg, Slovakia, South Africa, Chile, Portugal, Poland, Denmark, Turkey, Cuba, Lithuania, Egypt, Costa Rica, Algeria, Mexico, Latvia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Argentina, Romania, Ethiopia, Canada, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

The Chairman of the Committee replied to questions raised.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Secretary of the Committee also replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

1st meeting

The Acting President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Denmark, Japan, Sweden, Luxembourg, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland, the observer of the Holy See, as well as by the representatives of the United States, Cyprus, Indonesia, Tunisia, Kuwait, Thailand, Norway, Bahrain, India, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Austria, China, Ireland, Malaysia, the European Commission and the Netherlands.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

The Acting President made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4: Peru (1 December 2003)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Ratification: Iceland (1 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Honduras (2 December 2003)[1]

Ratification: Slovakia (3 December 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Nepal (3 December 2003)

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2004

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *today*, 4 December 2003 to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Focus on Children: The Impact of Rights–Based Strategies". The briefing will be held *today*, 4 December 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Event on the occasion of the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

On the occasion of the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, H.E. Mr. Luis de Matos Monteiro da Fonseca, Acting President of the General Assembly, will make an address, and Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will open an exhibit on the family, *today*, 4 December 2003, at 2.30 p.m. in the First Basement area of the General Assembly building, near the Vienna Cafe. A High-level Seminar on the Family, organized by the IYF+10 Committee, in collaboration with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Permanent Mission of the United States, will also take place at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs will make the opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Web sites

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 5 December 2003.

Symbol	*Main title*
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A/58/PV.50	Meeting held on 31 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
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A/58/7/Add.15	Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Capital master plan — Sixteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/497 (Part I)	Item 106 — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/558/Add.1/Corr.1	Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Report of the Secretary-General — Section II.B. Status of work in the implementation of measures to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises: United Nations Office at Geneva [A C E F R S]
A/58/608	Item 156 — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 20 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
Security Council	**Documents**
S/2003/1135	Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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ST/LEG/SER.A/680	Statement of Treaties and International Agreements — Registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat during the month of October 2003 [E F (Bilingual)]

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10.30 a.m. 69th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [40]

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/58/L.34)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/58/L.22 and A/58/L.35)

   (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/58/L.33)

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General Assembly

The resumed tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 5).

The 70th plenary meeting of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly will be held immediately following the adjournment of the tenth emergency special session (see p. 5).

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3529), or call Mr. David Biggs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5598), from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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2. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [35]

3. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [28 and 40 (f)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/616)[1]

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.32)

[1] To be issued during the course of the day.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of a draft resolution)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/58/11, A/58/63, A/56/767 and A/58/189)); 133 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/58/157)); and 59 (Strengthening of the United Nations system: improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process (A/58/375); and Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget (A/57/786, A/58/600 and A/58/610))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Draft reports

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. 1523rd meeting (closed) Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International Trade and Development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Czech Republic)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

1.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the permanent Mission of Cameroon)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

4–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Friday, 5 December 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: debt, and trade)*

9–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: financing for development)*

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee issues)*

1.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Arab Group *(on Fifth Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Third Annual Forum on the Eradication of Poverty (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mozambique)

1–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

African Group

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Friday, 5 December 2003

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 8 December 2003

General Assembly

Tenth emergency special session

10 a.m. 23rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/248)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.16)

(c) Draft decision (A/58/L.17)

Fifty-eighth session

Morning[1] 70th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/58/451) [62]
2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/58/452) [63]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 23rd plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session.

3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/58/453) [64]

4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/454) [65]

5. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/58/455) [66]

6. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/58/456) [67]

7. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/58/457) [68]

8. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/458) [69]

9. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/459) [70]

10. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/58/460) [71]

11. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/58/461) [72]

12. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/462) [73]

13. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/58/463) [74]

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Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The Second Committee will hold its 36th meeting[1] on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on draft decision A/C.2/58/L.6 (item 91 (b)) and draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.12 and A/C.2/58/L.48 (item 94), A/C.2/58/L.21 and A/C.2/58/L.47 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.33 (item 91 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.35 and A/C.2/58/L.46 (item 101) and A/C.2/58/L.36 (item 103); and its 37th meeting, on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all outstanding proposals.

[1] Informal consultations will be held, immediately following the adjournment of the 36th meeting.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

First meeting of States Parties

The First Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/1, CMW/SP/2 and CMW/SP/3.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations in preparation for its resumed 2003 session on Monday and Tuesday, 8 and 9 December 2003, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

The Committee will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-4248).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)

There will be an informal briefing by Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Director-General for Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III). The briefing, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*"

There will be a briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*", organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Singapore, on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Ms. Katariina Prepula, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0244).

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development" (A/58/L.29) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

There will be informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development" (A/58/L.29), organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco, on Monday, 8 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, a panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, will take place on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

Informal briefing on organizational matters related to the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion on the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

There will be an informal briefing on organizational matters related to the Working Group of Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion on the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, by the Chairman of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga (Ecuador), on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 4 December 2003

Security Council

4875th meeting *The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and the provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/25).

4876th meeting *The situation in Burundi*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President of the Council

extended invitations to His Excellency Mr. Jacob Zuma, Deputy President of South Africa, and the Permanent Representative of Burundi.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Gert Rosenthal, President of the Economic and Social Council.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard briefings by His Excellency Mr. Jacob Zuma and Mr. Gert Rosenthal.

Statements were then made by the representatives of France, Angola, Pakistan, China, the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, Spain, Guinea, Cameroon, Mexico and Chile, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Bulgaria.

His Excellency Mr. Jacob Zuma and Mr. Gert Rosenthal responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

25th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

The Committee began its consideration of the question on capital master plan relating to this agenda item.

The Executive Director, Capital Master Plan, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/599).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/58/342).

The Chairman of the Audit Operations Committee of the Board of Auditors introduced the progress report of the Board of Auditors (A/58/321).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.15).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Saudi Arabia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Joint Inspection Unit [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and has before it the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods (A/58/343/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of that Unit (A/58/343/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Canada (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of this question.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Objection to the general interpretative declaration made by Thailand upon accession.
Romania (3 December 2003)[1]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Objection to the reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon accession.
Romania (3 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Video-conference special event on the theme "Education for All: Everybody's Human Right"

There will be a day-long video-conference special event on the theme "Education for All: Everybody's Human Right", organized by the Department of Information and several non-governmental organisations, *today*, 5 December 2003, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, will make opening remarks. The programme will also be webcast at the following address: www.cyberschoolbus. For further information, please call 1 (212) 963-6984; for media accreditation (tel. 1 (212) 963-6934).

Memorial service

There will be a service in tribute to the memory of Sharon Capeling-Alakija *today*, 5 December 2003, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A condolence book will be available in front of the Trusteeship Council throughout the day.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
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A/RES/58/5 Item 23 *(b)* — Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace [A C E F R S]

A/RES/58/6 Item 23 *(a)* — Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal [A C E F R S]

A/RES/58/7 Item 29 — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [A C E F R S]

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Fifth Committee

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A/C.5/58/23 Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) — Revised estimates under sections 2 and 29D of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/1086	Letter dated 6 November 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1105	Letter dated 19 November 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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S/2003/1143	Letter dated 3 December 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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